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FmHA AN. No. 2643 (1910)
September 10, 1992

SUBJECT: FmHA County Committee Determinations
for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

TO: State Directors, District Directors, and County
Supervisors

ATTN: Farmer Programs Chiefs

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this Administrative Notice is to clarify regulations implemented on May 7, 1992, concerning assistance provided to beginning farmers or ranchers when selling suitable inventory farm property. The intended outcome is to ensure that only certain applicants are considered by the FmHA County/Area Committee under the beginning farmer definition.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

No previous AN has been issued on this subject.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

FmHA Instruction 1910-A, Section 1910.4(g) requires the County Committee to determine if the applicant is a beginning farmer, as defined in FmHA Instruction 1955-C, Section 1955.103. It also requires an eligible FO applicant requesting to purchase suitable farmland be given priority to purchase inventory property, if considered a beginning farmer. FmHA Instruction 1955-C, Section 1955.107(f) lists the priority categories. Since the beginning farmer definition applies only to inventory property applicants, the County Committee should not consider beginning farmer status for other applicants.

Form FmHA 1940-1, "Request for Obligation of Funds," has been revised (PN 192, dated 9/30/92) to include an entry for beginning farmers (Item 42). For those applicants requesting to purchase suitable inventory farm property, the applicable answer will be entered based upon the County Committee determination. No entry will be made for other applicants.

EXPIRATION DATE: August 31, 1993

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
Preceding FmHA
Instruction 1910-A



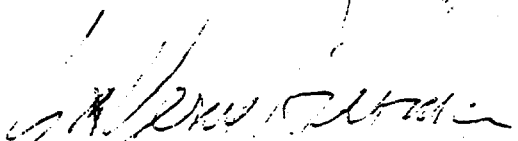
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Form FmHA 1940-3, "Request for Obligation of Funds - Guaranteed Loans," has also been revised (PN 192, dated 9/30/92) to include an entry for beginning farmers (Item 36). No entries should be made as this is reserved for future use.

If the inventory property applicant is a beginning farmer, a "9" will be entered in the ADPS screen for Transaction Code 1G, "Credit Sale," under the field entitled "Purchaser Type Code".

State Office personnel with questions regarding this AN should contact the Farmer Programs Loan Making Division at (202) 720-1632.

This AN may not be revised and reissued by State Directors without prior approval by the Assistant Administrator, Farmer Programs, unless modification is necessary to comply with State law.


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Administrator